

HOUSE BILL 2084

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29;  
Title 47 and Title 68, relative to asbestos.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 as a new part.

SECTION 2.

(a) A person shall not sell, offer for sale, manufacture, or distribute in this state a product that contains asbestos.

(b) This section does not impose liability on any news media that accept or publish advertising for any product that would otherwise be subject to this section.

(c) As used in this section, "asbestos" has the same meaning as the term is defined in § 29-34-602.

SECTION 3. The department of environment and conservation is authorized to enter, during normal business hours and upon presentation of department credentials, any retail, distribution, or manufacturing establishment in order to determine compliance with this part.

SECTION 4.

(a) The department of environment and conservation, through the attorney general and reporter, may bring a civil action for violation of Section 2 in a court with competent jurisdiction.

(b) If the court finds the person violated Section 2, the person is subject to a civil penalty of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each violation.

SECTION 5. The department of environment and conservation shall notify the public of the prohibition contained in this part through the department's website.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.